

## NINE GO TO DEATH

In Frightful Accident on the Southern Near Danville, Va.

## GOES THROUGH TRESTLE

Ill-Fated Fast Mail Wrecked for the Third Time Within the Year. Scene of Disaster Presented Horrible Sight.

While running at a high rate of speed, No. 97, the Southern railway's southbound fast mail train, jumped from a trestle 75 feet high, half a mile north of Danville, Va., Sunday afternoon at 2:50 o'clock and was almost demolished. Of the crew of sixteen men on the train, eight were killed and seven injured, and one was unhurt.

The known dead are: James A. Brodie, engineer; J. Thomas Blair, conductor; A. G. Clapp, fireman; John L. Thompson, postal clerk; W. T. Chambers, postal clerk; D. T. Flory, postal clerk; P. N. Adair, postal clerk; S. J. Moody, postal clerk; twelve-year-old boy, son of Postal Clerk Thompson.

The injured are: Louis W. Spiers, Frank E. Brooks, Percival Indemeyer, Charles E. Reames, Jennings J. Duvall, M. C. Maupin, J. Harrison Thompson, all of whom are postal clerks.

All of the injured men are seriously hurt and are in the hospital in Danville. The recovery of Mail Clerk Spiers is not expected, and other clerks are thought to have received mortal injuries.

The trestle where the accident occurred is 500 feet long and is located on a sharp curve. Engineer Brodie was a new man on that division of the Southern, and it is said that he came to the curve at a very high rate of speed.

The engine had gone only about 50 feet on the trestle when it sprang from the track, carrying with it four mail cars and an express car. The trestle, a wooden structure, also gave way for a space of 50 feet.

Cars Torn to Pieces. At the foot of the trestle in a shallow branch with a rocky bottom. Striking this engine and cars were reduced to a mass of twisted iron and steel and pieces of splintered wood. As the cars went down they touched the sides of the Riverside cotton mill, which is very close to the trestle.

All the dead men were killed instantly. It is thought, and all were greatly mutilated.

Several thousand people were soon at the scene of the wreck and removed the bodies from the debris. No one on any of the cars had made an effort to jump and the bodies of all those killed were found in the wreckage of the different cars to which they belonged. Some of the bodies were crushed to a ghastly degree.

It seemed miraculous that any one should have escaped, for each car falling with the engine bounded from it and completely collapsed after striking the rocks at the foot of the trestle.

All unofficial opinions that have been ascertained agree in giving only one cause for the wreck—the high speed of the train on the sharp curve. No. 97 was running about an hour behind time; it is thought that the engineer being unfamiliar with the road, did not take into consideration the danger of coming on the curve with such great velocity.

The mail bags in all the mail cars were torn open and the letters and packages were scattered, but it is believed none is lost. Fire which appeared in the wreckage shortly after it occurred was quickly extinguished by the Danville fire department.

In loss of life this is one of the most the Southern, and it is the third time that the fast mail has been almost entirely demolished.

Within the last twelve months the same train ran into a large rock on the track near Lexington, N. C., the engine ruined, cars gutted and several lives were lost.

A few months ago the fast mail struck a freight train head on near Charlotte, N. C., and was again almost demolished.

## TEST OF TEXT-BOOK BILL.

Birmingham Parson Files Friendly Suit Against School Superintendent. At Birmingham, Ala., Dr. A. J. Dickson, pastor of the First Methodist church, has filed a friendly bill against Dr. J. H. Phillips, superintendent of the public schools, to test the validity of the state uniform text book law, which has just gone into operation. He seeks to mandamus Dr. Phillips to show cause why children were not allowed to enter the high school with books not bearing the official stamp of the state depositories, the books having been bought at another place, although the same as required by law.

## JETT SENT TO LOUISVILLE.

Will Be Held There for Safe Keeping Pending His Appeal. At Cincinnati, Ky., Saturday, Judge Osborne ordered Sheriff L. G. and his deputies to take Curtis Jett, sentenced to be hanged December 18th, for the assassination of James Cockrell, to Louisville jail for safe keeping pending Jett's appeal to the court of appeals.

## BOYCOTT BILL CINCHED.

Alabama Senate Approves Measure by a Large Majority. The Alabama senate Saturday passed the house anti-boycott bill by a large majority. It prohibits boycotts, blacklists, bans or picketing. Labor organizations throughout the country combined to fight the measure, but to no avail. The measure is very strict and provides punishment for those who violate its provisions.

## PAYMASTER DYNAMITED.

Two Men Carrying Money in Buggy Blown Up in Public Road by Unknown Flends.

One of the most fiendish and blood-thirsty murders and robberies in the history of Washington county, Pa., occurred Friday afternoon on the Mid-dletown road, about fifteen miles from the town of Washington.

Samuel T. Ferguson, of the Ferguson Construction Company, of Pittsburg, was instantly killed, and his secretary, Charles Martin, of Cincinnati, was fatally injured. The two men were riding along the road in a buggy, carrying \$2,600 in cash with which to pay off some of their men employed on construction work along the line of the Wabash railroad, when suddenly an explosion of dynamite in the roadway literally tore the rig to pieces, killed Ferguson outright and threw Martin 200 feet, tearing his left arm almost from the socket.

It has been learned that the two men, supposed to be Poles, placed the dynamite in the road for the purpose of killing Paymaster Ferguson and had arranged to explode by means of an electric battery. The satchel containing the money is missing.

Two suspects are under arrest in the camp of the construction company, near the village, but the farmers of the section who are scouring the country for traces of the murderers believe they have one of them at bay in an abandoned coal mine about a mile and a half northeast of West Middletown.

So quickly was everything accomplished that the men who are implicated got away with their booty before they could be overtaken, although the county authorities believe that if the right men are not those under arrest they will have little difficulty in taking them.

## JETT RECEIVES SENTENCE.

Prisoner Declares in Court that He Was Given Fair Trial.

Curtis Jett was brought into the court at Cincinnati, Ky., Friday when Judge Osborne decreed that he be hanged "between sunrise and sunset" December 18, for killing Cockrell at Jackson, Ky., July 21, 1902.

Judge Blanton, attorney for Jett, replied: "Well, Judge, there will be many sunrises and settings before he has been hanged."

Jett himself said to the court: "There are people in this county who will be grieved if I am not hanged, but, Judge, I do not think you would be grieved, as you have given me a fair trial in this case."

## CARELESS DOCTOR FINED.

Left Piece of Metal in Patient's Bladder After an Operation.

At Marietta, Ga., Friday, the jury in the case of the state against Dr. H. H. Kemp, who was tried on an indictment charging him with murdering John D. Gantt by leaving a metal catheter in his bladder after an operation, rendered a verdict finding Dr. Kemp guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the commission of a lawful act without due caution and circumspection. He was fined \$350.

## BIG COAL CORPORATION.

Takes Over Properties in Virginia Aggregating Over 100,000 Acres.

An important transaction in the development of southwest Virginia and east Tennessee, particularly of the Virginia coal fields, occurred at Bristol, Tenn., Friday, when the Craney Neel Company was organized with a capital of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of taking over coal properties in Wise and adjoining Virginia counties, aggregating considerably over 100,000 acres.

## PUBLICITY DECIDED UPON.

Returns Made for Taxes by Atlanta Citizens to Be Published.

The real estate and personal returns of Atlanta, Ga., tax payers will probably be published both in the newspapers on the day the returns are made and in pamphlet form for sale and distribution after all returns have been made. This was practically decided upon during the meeting of the special committee on tax recently appointed.

## TEXAS CROP AWAY OFF.

Houston Post Puts Shortage at Enormous Figure of 3,500,000 Bales.

The Houston Post publishes a report showing that great damage has been done to cotton over the state by the boll weevil, the boll worm, the sharp-shooter and dry weather.

The estimate of the probable crop, based on the reports from country correspondents, is placed at 2,500,000, provided that there is a late frost.

The popular estimate six weeks ago was 6,000,000 bales.

It is stated that there is absolutely no chance for a "top" or second crop.

## A BLACKMAILING SCHEME.

Being Worked Through Dynamiting Bridges of Northern Pacific.

A special from Helena, Mont., says: It has developed that the recent attempts to dynamite bridges and tracks on the line of the Northern Pacific between Livingston and Missoula was in furtherance of a plot to force the railway company to pay \$50,000 for immunity from the outrages.

## STORM SOMEWHAT INTERFERED.

Chicago's Fire Celebration Considerably Dampened by Rain.

The centennial celebration of the founding of Chicago was formally opened Saturday night when a ton or two of red fire powder was burned on the street corners, in an attempt to give a realistic imitation of the great Chicago fire.

The conflagration was not exactly the success hoped for, because of a heavy storm, which prevailed through out the time for the burning of the red fire.

## TILLMAN ON TRIAL

Slayer of Gonzales Enters a Plea of "Not Guilty."

## CASE ON AT LEXINGTON

The Vast Array of Attorneys on Both Sides Makes Trial One of the Most Notable in History of the Circuit.

James H. Tillman, former lieutenant governor of South Carolina, was placed on trial in the circuit court for Lexington county, in the town of Lexington, Monday morning, under an indictment charging him with the murder of N. G. Gonzales, editor of The Columbia State, Judge Frank B. Gary presiding.

It was 11 o'clock when the solicitor for the circuit, J. W. Thurmond, announced that the state was ready to proceed with the trial of the case, and by the time the midday recess was taken at 1:30 p. m. the defendant had been arraigned, a jury drawn and charged, and all was in readiness for the introduction of testimony.

There was every indication earlier that a jury could not be secured during the day. The court room was well filled, but not crowded.

Probably never in the history of the judicial circuit has there been so great an array of counsel engaged in the trial of a case in the circuit, or perhaps in the entire state, as in the trial of the former lieutenant governor.

The solicitor is assisted by five attorneys, while the defendant has eleven lawyers, with G. W. Croft, a representative in congress from Aiken, as chief counsel, conducting the defense.

Mrs. J. H. Tillman and the mother of the defendant were present at the opening of the court, and remained throughout the day's session, occupying seats within the railing.

## Prisoner Pleads Not Guilty.

Immediately upon reconvening at 3 p. m., the examination of witnesses was begun, and when court adjourned six witnesses had testified.

The defense having announced its readiness to go to trial, the defendant, who was in an ante-room, where he had been in consultation with his attorneys prior to the calling of his case, was brought into court and directed to stand in the dock when he was arraigned in accordance with the law and custom of the court.

He was calm, and when asked to plead, replied in a clear and firm voice: "Not guilty."

The indictment charges the carrying of concealed weapons, as well as the more serious violation of law. Mr. Tillman took a seat close to his attorneys, where he listened intently to the proceedings.

When the court directed the empaneling of a jury, a six-year-old boy drew from a hat in which had been placed the names of those composing the panel, a slip of paper bearing a juror who was called and accepted.

It was not until 1 p. m. that a second was secured, but in the next fifteen minutes the jury was completed. The jury will not be permitted to separate until a verdict is rendered. The state objected to five of the panel and the defense to ten.

G. E. Boland, a member of the Columbia police force, was the first witness called by the state.

## CONSENT VERDICT ALLOWED.

G. W. Collier Will Case is Now Entirely Out of the Courts.

Judge L. S. Roan, sitting instead of Judge J. S. Lumpkin in the first division of the superior court at Atlanta, Ga., Monday morning, allowed the consent verdict in the George Washington Collier will case, immediately after which he signed an order making the verdict a decree of the court. The matter is now settled, so far as the propounding executors, J. N. Bateman and Henry L. Collier, are concerned. They are out of the case and will have nothing to do with the administration of the big million-dollar estate.

## FARMERS' CONGRESS ENDS.

Resolutions for Bettering Rural Delivery Were Adopted.

The Farmers' National congress closed its annual meeting at Niagara Falls Thursday night. The farmers will not urge much specific national legislation this year, contenting themselves with generalities. A set of resolutions favoring the extension of rural free delivery and the parcels post system, a postal telegraph system and postal saving banks was adopted. A resolution favoring reciprocity with Canada was finally killed and the question of a ship subsidy found no supporters in the congress.

## NEW ROAD COMPLETED.

And North Carolinians Have a Big Celebration Over the Event.

Five thousand persons, representing six North Carolina counties, at Dunn, Thursday, participated in the celebration of the completion of the Cape Fear and Northern railway from Apex to that place, a distance of 40 miles. Governor Aycock and the other state officers were present and the governor spoke.

## PANTHER AT WILMINGTON.

German Warship Royally Welcomed by Citizens of Tarheel State.

The German war ship Panther arrived in port at Wilmington, N. C., Monday, and received a royal reception. During the morning the port and military officers and city officials made formal calls and the officers returned the calls at the public building.

Later in the day hundreds of people visited the ship and the greatest courtesies were exchanged.

## Cream of News.

Brief Summary of Most Important Events of Each Day.

A Dublin, Ga., negro, formerly a preacher, who has been acting as the supreme scribe and treasurer of a negro insurance order operating over the state, has skipped with the funds of the organization.

Fast mail train No. 97, on the Southern, jumped the track near Danville Va., Sunday, and nine persons were killed and seven injured.

Colonel William Youngblood, a leading Alabama republican, who was third auditor of the treasury under McKinley, declares that Roosevelt, if nominated, will be defeated.

In Loudon county, Tennessee, Deputy Sheriff Griffiths was killed and a citizen, John Poole, wounded while attempting to make an arrest.

According to advices to The Houston Post, the cotton crop in Texas will be 3,500,000 bales short, owing to dry weather and the ravages of different pests.

A bulletin from Buffalo, N. Y., states that Mrs. Davis rallied during Sunday, and her condition showed a marked improvement.

Oberlin M. Carter, serving a five years' term in Leavenworth prison, will be released in November, and it is said he will appear as prosecuting witness against Greene and Gaynor.

President Roosevelt left Oyster Bay, with his family, for Washington Monday morning.

Lewis Nixon announces his candidacy for the democratic nomination for the New York mayoralty.

All packing plants in the United States is threatened with a tie-up by a general strike of butchers and affiliated workmen throughout the country.

It is stated that 15,000 miners, employed by the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company, will strike if Altoona scale is not carried out by the company.

Chicago Federation of Musicians served notice on centennial managers that if the United States marine band takes part in exercises that not one of the hands of the federation would participate.

Both the plague and the cholera are raging at Pei Tang, a seaport 50 miles east of Tien Tsin, China. Two thousand deaths there during the past two months.

Lord Milner is on his way to London to consult with premier about accepting the portfolio of secretary for the colonies.

Dr. H. H. Kemp, the Marietta, Ga., physician charged with the murder of John D. Gantt, a patient, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and fined \$350.

Four negroes were sentenced for murder at the term of Talbot county, Ga., superior court just closed. Three were sent up for life and one for twenty years.

The directors of the Savannah, Ga., fair are considering the advisability of extending an invitation to President Roosevelt.

Jack Reid, of Griffin fame, who is now at Ozark, Ala., is pronounced a fraud by Mrs. Speights, of Atlanta.

Clifton Branham executed at Wise, Va., for wife murder. Before going to scaffold he made a speech and asked interment of his dead. About three hundred of the crowd agreed with him.

The Alabama senate Friday passed the bill prohibiting Sunday baseball. The anti-boycott bill was reported favorably to the senate.

Mississippi is experiencing a labor famine. The mills and brick yards are having trouble getting hands, as well as the farmers.

At Friday's session of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows at Baltimore the report of the committee on the proposed million dollar memorial building was adopted.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Bryan, daughter of Hon. W. J. Bryan, to Charles B. Leavitt, will take place at Lincoln, N. b., on Saturday evening, October 3.

In the case of Aaron and Archie Dill, charged with peonage at Birmingham, Ala., gross cruelties and theft were charged.

The army worm has appeared in the delta around Vicksburg, Miss. Druggists are getting rich selling paris green.

The German cruiser Falke is at Pascagoula, Fla. The president and the Kaiser were toasted when officials visited the Falke.

Hon. Harvie Jordan, of Georgia, elected president of Farmers' National congress.

Incendiaries start a fire which nearly wipes out the village of Morze, Wis., and causes a loss of \$300,000.

Dynamite was exploded under the buggy of Contractor Ferguson, near West Middleton, Pa., Friday night. Ferguson, who was killed, had \$5,000 in satchel, which is missing.

The war maneuvers at West Point, N. Y., began Monday.

Andrew S. Wallace, formerly postmaster at Opps, Ala., wrote to Postmaster General Payne, offering a bribe of \$50 for a promotion. He has been reading of the postal scandals, and is now in jail.

Ernest Bixler, a prominent insurance man of Jacksonville, Fla., jumped overboard from the steamer Algonquin, leaving a note in his state room telling what had become of him.

Senator John T. Morgan addressed the Alabama legislature in joint session Wednesday on the relations between the national government and state legislatures.

George W. Beavers, charged with conspiracy in attempt to defraud the government, was before a commissioner again in New York Wednesday to answer to two additional indictments.

## CORNER IN COTTON

Successfully Effected by Bull Operator Brown.

## MILLIONS ARE RAKED IN

Bears Are Unable to Find the Fleecy Staple Which They Bought—An Advance of Over \$9.00 a Bale in Two Days.

With September cotton at an advance of 145 points for the day and over 200 in two days and likely to go higher and with news of private settlements 100 points higher, the New York cotton exchange Tuesday saw the culmination of the most successful corner in cotton in the history of the market, a corner which has made for W. P. Brown, of New Orleans, the leader, at the least calculation, between seven millions and eight millions of dollars on the September option alone.

The present bull movement in cotton has been a great one in cotton history. It began over a year ago, when Theodore H. Price started the movement. The outcome of Mr. Price's campaign has been phenomenal. Some have said that he lost, others that he got out in time. Tuesday, in one hour, cotton rose over \$7 a bale, because the men who had on the theory that the corner wouldn't hold, sold cotton by thousands of bales, were not able to find it to buy to make the deliveries they had contracted to make Wednesday and had to buy it off the men to whom they had previously sold it. In order to prevent the market rising to absolutely ruinous figures many of these have made settlements within the past two days at figures a cent a pound above the market rate, one house in particular paying \$10 a bale more than what they sold short for some time ago. For the first time in the history of cotton selling on a world-wide basis the market as absolutely cornered, if the market tells the truth.

Brown was on the floor of the exchange all day Tuesday. When seen and asked to say something, he only replied:

"If you want to know what has been done in cotton just look at the market. I have nothing to say."

Opening at 11:70, Monday night's closing, cotton sold at 12 cents on the call. After it advanced 10 and 15 points at a time until 13 cents was reached. Pausing for a moment, it again moved up, touching 13.08, compared with 11.12, the closing price of last Saturday. This represents an advance of 196 points for the two days, or about \$9.80 a bale.

Twenty-seven must answer.

Coroner's Jury at Lynchburg, Tennessee, Indicts Mob Members.

The coroner's jury at Lynchburg, Tenn., Tuesday, returned a verdict to the effect that the negro Allen Small, who was killed during a raid on the Moore county jail one night a week ago, was deliberately, maliciously and premeditatedly murdered, and twenty-seven men are named in the verdict as guilty of the crime.

Fourteen of the mob are under arrest and warrants for the others have been issued.

Three of the prisoners have turned state's evidence and been released on bond on condition that they will appear as witnesses for the prosecution.

CONSPIRATORS SENTENCED.

Servian Army Officers Suffer Imprisonment for Threatening Regicides.

The trial of the army officers charged with conspiracy against the murderers of King Alexander and Queen Draga was concluded in Belgrade, Servia, Tuesday.

Captains Novakovich and Laxarovich, the former being the ringleader, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment and the loss of their commissions. Dr. Velikovich and Captain Lotkijevitch, the former aide de camp of King Alexander, each received sentences of a month's imprisonment. Other officers who took a less prominent part in the conspiracy, were condemned to from three months to a year's imprisonment.

## COW CAUSES A WRECK.

Engine and Cars Leave Track and Roll Down Embankment.

Cincinnati Southern passenger train No. 2, which left Chattanooga at 10 a. m. Monday, ran into a cow at Glen Mary, Tenn., 120 miles north of Chattanooga, and the engine, two mail cars, baggage and express car left the track and rolled down a steep embankment.

Engineer Frank Parker, of Chattanooga, was instantly killed, and seven men badly injured, two fatally.

Engineer Parker had been on the road for twenty-three years and had never before been in a wreck.

EIGHT THOUSAND MADE HAPPY.

Employees of Chicago and Northwestern Railway Have Wages Raised.

A dispatch from Chicago says: An increase in the wages of 8,000 employees of the twenty car and locomotive repair shops of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad has been granted.

The increase means an additional expense of \$300,000 a year to the company.

MAJOR HAY MEETS DEATH.

Veteran of the Civil and Spanish Wars Falls Six Stories.

Major Samuel W. Hay met instant death at Pittsburgh, Pa., Tuesday evening by falling from the fourth floor of the Arrott building through the elevator shaft to the basement, making a drop of six stories. Major Hay was a veteran of the civil and Spanish-American wars. During the latter war he was commissary on the staffs of Major Generals Young, Davis and Wheeler.

## SHIPS STAY AT BEIRUT.

While Affairs are Quiet at Present, It is Thought Inadvisable to Withdraw Admiral Cotton's Fleet.

Withdrawal of the American war ships from Beirut seems unlikely for the present, in view of a cablegram received at the state department Saturday from Minister Leischman, at Constantinople, stating that although his advice from Beirut indicate that the situation is quiet just now, nothing like permanent order has been established.

It is indicated in Mr. Leischman's cablegram that the departure of the war ships might be the occasion for a renewal of the riots. This confirms the opinion held by state department officials in Washington that the quiet at Beirut is due directly to the presence of American war ships off that port.

Minister Leischman adds that the new governor at Beirut is actively inaugurating reforms there, but that it is not yet certain he will be able to handle the situation.

Rear Admiral Cotton cables the navy department, under date of Beirut September 25, that Beirut is quiet and that the case of the American consul is still pending.

## Slaughtering Still Goes On.

News comes from Monastir, Macedonia, that snow has fallen on the higher mountain ranges and the refugees must either leave their hiding places or suffer the greatest hardships.

The Turkish troops continue to slaughter refugees who return to their former homes, at the invitation of the government, who promised protection. Fourteen were massacred near the village of Zlatan. One of them survived his wounds. The refugee women discovered the bodies and carried the survivor before the lieutenant governor of Resna, who refused to hear their story.

The rumors current that Bulgaria would send an ultimatum to Turkey setting forth that unless satisfactory assurances were received that the Ottoman troops would be withdrawn immediately from the Bulgarian frontier, Bulgaria would forthwith mobilize her whole army, were caused by the mobilization of a regiment of engineers.

The Bulgarian war office has received information that in the event of hostilities the Turks will make a dash and endeavor to seize the Shipka Pass, against which contingency strong Bulgarian forces are now held in readiness.

WERE SOLD INTO SLAVERY.

Eight Savannah Negroes Lured on Board a Russian Ship.

Lured aboard a tugboat at Savannah, Ga., by means of false promises of easy and remunerative employment, carried to Sapelo, Island, and sold to the master of the Russian bark Alice, on which they made the voyage across the Atlantic and were finally discharged at Bristol, England, without a cent.

In the story told by eight Savannah negroes here sworn to before United States Consul Uriah A. Lathrop, at Bristol, their alleged sale into involuntary servitude is the offense charged against Harry Olsen and Jack Johnson in eight warrants based upon affidavits made by Assistant District Attorney Alexander Akerman and issued by United States Commissioner Ryals at Savannah, Saturday afternoon.

On these warrants the arrest of the defendants was effected. Olsen, a local shipping agent, is now under bond to answer a similar charge in the cases of Joe Rucker and John Seage, two boys who, it is alleged, were shipped aboard a British ship some time ago.

Johnson is a negro who is said, under Olsen's guidance, to have carried out the plan which placed the unfortunate members of his race aboard the Alice.

The arrival and discharge of the negroes at the British port, destitute and dependent for daily necessities upon the charities of the townspeople, created a decided stir, it is said.

Odd Fellows Meet Next in Frisco.

The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows, which was in session during the entire past week at Baltimore, adjourned Saturday to meet in San Francisco next year.

GUNBOAT OFF FOR ST. ANDREWS.

The Nashville Sails from Pensacola En Route to Nicaraguan Coast.

The navy department was advised Tuesday afternoon of the departure from Pensac